

# H A P P Y New Year The Elba Clipper

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## New gymnasium officially opened for Zion Chapel School

Zion Chapel School celebrated a special occasion Monday evening, Dec. 20, as the school's newly constructed gymnasium was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Coffee County Schools Superintendent Kelly Cobb called it a "great night in Jack, Alabama." She also thanked all those who came out to show support for the school during this occasion.

"This was an exciting event as well as long overdue for the school, district, and community," Cobb said.

Special guest speakers for the ceremony were Donnie Marler, Harry Driggers, and Brian McLeod.

Marler is a 1964 graduate of Zion Chapel School. He was a member of the B-Team and Varsity Basketball Team while a student. Also, he was a member of the school's first football team in 1962.

Driggers was a 1965 graduate of Zion Chapel. He was a member of the school's football, track, basketball, and baseball teams. He too was a member of the first football team in 1962.

McLeod graduated from Zion Chapel in 1987. He was a member of the 1985-86 Region Championship team, which made the Elite 8 that year. This season marks the 35th anniversary of that region championship.

McLeod also currently serves on the Coffee County Schools Board of Education, serving as the District One member. He is the board's president.

On the night of the ribbon cutting, McLeod, along with Courtney Jirright, a former Lady Rebel and Lady Rebel Coach, had the honor of scoring the "first goal" in the new facility.

"I thank Coffee County Superintendent of Education Kelly Cobb, Zion Chapel Principal Matt Barton, and the administration of Zion Chapel High School for inviting Harry Driggers and me to speak at the ribbon cutting for the opening of the new gym and then the honor of cutting the ribbon," Marler said in a Facebook post following the event. "It sure made two old former Rebels feel grateful and honored. May God bless you all."

The Zion Chapel Rebels christened the new gymnasium the following night, Dec. 21, with a clean sweep for the first basketball games played in the new facility against county foe New Brockton.

In an Elba City Council meeting held Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, new Police Chief Troy Staley said everything had been going smoothly in his first week on the job, and he said he had been doing a lot of networking and getting things where they need to be for the police department.

Chief Staley arrived late to the meeting as he was on scene of a motor vehicle accident when the council meeting began, but he arrived just as city clerk Sally Bane was provided some info to council members regarding the department. The city clerk also had noted the police chief's progress in meeting with other agencies trying to rebuild working relationships.

Also, the city clerk said city hall officials and the chief had been working together to make sure the department has the appropriate equipment needed for officers to do their job appropriately.



**ZION CHAPEL CELEBRATES NEW GYMNASIUM...**The Zion Chapel community celebrated the opening of its new school gymnasium Monday night, Dec. 20, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. There was a large crowd in attendance for this special ceremony and to tour the new state-of-the-art facility. School officials were joined by board members, current basketball players, local queens and more for the official ribbon cutting (above). Enjoying the honor of cutting the ribbon were two former Rebels [graduates from the 1960s], Harry Driggers and Donnie Marler.

## Elba City Council hears first report from new police chief



**Elba Police Chief Troy Staley addresses the Elba City Council** during its Tuesday, Dec. 14, meeting. The chief said he had been doing a lot of networking since coming on board as the new department leader.

Bane and Chief Staley said it would be a newly created position for the department.

Chief Staley said funding for that position would come from the already approved salary budget for the police department. Bane concurred saying some dollars were being moved around within the salary budget to make room for this position to be created.

Chief Staley said he wanted to give about three weeks for applicants to apply for the job before he began reviewing applications and starting the interview process.

Also, upon inquiry of council members, Chief Staley said he had three officers set to begin with the department the week of Dec. 27th. He said that would get the department up to eight officers with additional prospects still coming.

In her report to the council, the city clerk noted that Elba Parks and Recreation director Greg Hanchey had attended a workshop for baseball recently where

the director of the baseball league complimented Elba on its Hawkins-Williams facilities with all the improvements that have been made there. The league has asked Elba to host two separate age divisions district tournaments this upcoming baseball season at Hawkins-Williams.

Elba hosted one age division tournament last year, and reportedly league leaders were impressed with how smoothly things went. That and the great conditions of the Hawkins-Williams facilities led to Elba being asked to host two age divisions this upcoming season when it is time for the district tournaments.

"That will be a great weekend for Elba," Bane said.

Youth basketball season for Elba Parks and Recreation is set to begin after the holidays in January.

Bane said the city had received funding from FEMA for the buyout of

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## Zion Chapel bass anglers win recent tournament

The Zion Chapel Bass Team members fished their first tournament of the season Dec. 11th and 12th on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail.

This tournament was on Lake Jordan, which is the southernmost impoundment on the Coosa River and dates to 1928 and spreads across 6,800 acres near Wetumpka, Ala. The Coosa River leads to outstanding bass action.

Beginning in Rome, Ga., the Coosa River flows 280 miles to the southwest with more than 90 percent of it in Alabama. South of Wetumpka it merges with the Tallapoosa River to create the Alabama River. Along the way, it flows through some of the best bass waters in the country.

A total of 76 teams fished the Dec. 11-12th tournament. Due to the weather, the teams could choose to fish either Saturday before the front moved through, or Sunday following the front and drop in temperatures.

Zion Chapel's Team Avery Padgett/Ethan Young chose to fish on Saturday and won the tournament with a limit of five fish weighing 10.85 pounds. They also came in second place with their big fish weighing 3.69 pounds. They missed the big fish award by three ounces.

The big fish winners were fellow teammates Zion Chapel Team Cole



**Zion Chapel Bass Team anglers, Team Ethan Young and Avery Padgett won the East Alabama High School Bass Trail fishing tournament** held Dec. 11th and 12th on Lake Jordan. This team also came in second for the big fish award, missing first place by only three ounces.

McDaniel/Kevin Dowdy with their big fish weighing 3.72 pounds. This team fished on Sunday and finished the tournament in eighth place.

Due to the adverse

weather conditions, the awards and trophies will be given out at the next East Alabama High School Bass

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## Holiday Closings

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES** will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Any customers experiencing an issue with their utilities during this time should call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule.

**COFFEE COUNTY OFFICES** will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

**THE ELBA CLIPPER OFFICE** will be closed Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's Day holiday.



**After many years of vacancy, the Elba City Council is interested in renovating the old dime store building** [shown here] on the square in Elba to locate the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. The chamber has been without a permanent home since a fire destroyed its office earlier this year. The old dime store building is owned now by the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA), and the city plans to ask the ERA to consider transferring ownership to it to make way for renovations to the building for the Chamber office.

## Elba City Council discusses "old dime store" building for possible Elba Chamber of Commerce new location

The Elba City Council held its second meeting for December following the first meeting held Tuesday night, Dec. 14, and the future location of the Elba Chamber of Commerce office was the topic for this second meeting.

Recently, it had been discussed that the Moseley Studio building on Factory Avenue might be a potential location for the Chamber office. The office is temporarily located in an office in that building currently due to a fire that destroyed the former Putnam Street location earlier this year.

During that previous discussion, the city council

asked for an appraisal on that building before it would be considered for purchase with insurance monies. However, during the Dec. 14th meeting, Mayor Tom Maddox said the building that was being discussed [the did not specifically identify this as being the Moseley Studio building, but it was the building discussed at a previous workshop and meeting] was now off the market due to being sold to another buyer.

The mayor then recommended the council move to its next option for relocation of the Chamber office,

that being the old dime store building located on the square and currently owned by the Elba Redevelopment Authority [ERA]. The mayor said other than that, the option would be to continue looking for another location for the Chamber.

"My thinking is that would be a great way to get that building [dime store building] presentable," Maddox said.

He said if a retail business were to ever want to purchase the building in the future, it could be addressed at that time, but the building

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Posterity, you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in heaven that ever I took half the pains to preserve it." - John Adams

Well, ole COVID disrupted our family gathering during the Christmas holidays. Daughter-in-law came down with the bug AGAIN! Karen and Eric were among the first to be knocked down with the virus, but managed to stay out of the hospitals. Now after surviving, plus the shots, etc., she was struck again. This time it is still milder, but not pain free. Anyway, wanting a family gathering to include the whole family if possible, we postponed until after everyone is COVID free . . . like mid to late January.

We got our booster shot last week. It seemed harder to find a place to get the booster brand we wanted than it was getting the first round of the vaccine, but we were determined and thus successful. Trying to sign up with the big drug chains was a total failure (maybe because we kept clicking the wrong box). Each time we selected the shot we wanted the computer changed it. After a dozen times of starting over, we threw up our hands and made a phone call to a drug store that is NOT one of the chains, and presto, problem solved. We drove down, walked in, and pop the shot was in our arm. This time around we experienced a wee bit of arm swelling and soreness, but it was gone in a couple of days. That was a relief, since there are stories floating around about extreme negative reactions to the booster shots, even among folks who had no problems the first time around.

Now someone needs to explain to us the reaction of the Donald Trump fans at a Texas rally last week when he announced he had gotten the booster shot and they booed! It had been our opinion that many of these folks were not getting the shots as some sort of sign of support and/or loyalty for the former president. Apparently it is more complicated than that. If it is some sort of independence/pride, etc., issue they lose us. It is our opinion that remaining alive and well is far more important than maintaining someone's vanity or making political statements.

Earlier this year we lost a cousin to COVID. She was a typical stereo-type very reserved school librarian before her retirement. We lay that groundwork to talk about her brother. He is/was also a very quiet and reserved person. They got it from their dad (not their mother!). Well last week he announced he had taken delivery on a brand new bright red Corvette! He must have decided sister's almost hermit lifestyle was not worth it and he is planning to live what is left of his life during his retirement years in the fast lane. He talks about the fast speed of this sports car and we hope our next reports on him and the Corvette are not of them scraping the car and his body off the bark of some big oak tree or fishing them out of a creek.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

## Elba Police arrest two on burglary - third charges

Elba Police arrested two people Monday evening, Dec. 27, on burglary - third degree charges. Cecilia Hodge, age 24, and Timothy Simmons, age 31, both of Elba, Ala., were booked into the Coffee County Jail shortly after 7 p.m. Monday night on a burglary - third degree charge each. No bond amount had been set as of press time this week.

Burglary - third is a Class C felony in the State of Alabama.

No further details were available as of press time.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, December 21, 2021, and Monday, December 27, 2021, conducted the following activity:

**Tuesday, Dec. 21** - Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St (8:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1226 Ann St (2:57 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 125 (3:07 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (4:11 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1501 Martin Luther King Dr (8:56 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one advice given, one written warning, and one verbal warning.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22** - Theft of property reported to Elba Police (10:44 a.m.); Fraudulent use of a credit/debit card reported to Elba Police (1:24 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Brunson St (1:45 p.m.); Animal bites reported at 1282 Ann St - an arrest was made (5:03 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 2815 Old Curtis Rd (9:15 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

**Thursday, Dec. 23** - Suspicious circumstances

reported on Reese Ave (6:59 a.m.); Burglary reported on Reese Ave (8:56 a.m.); Harassment reported at 342 N Court Ave - an arrest was made (9:35 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1282 Ann St - w/ animal impound (1:46 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 203/Hwy 87 (8:40 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in verbal warnings for all.

**Friday, Dec. 24** - Suspicious vehicle reported at West St/MLK Dr (2:11 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 1671 Claxton Ave N (4:21 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:19 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (9:45 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 2815 Old Curtis Rd (11:17 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 991 Hwy 203 (6:15 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 1085 Neil Grantham Dr - a verbal warning was issued (8:12 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 215 Plant Ave (8:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 529 Claxton Ave N (8:53 p.m.); ATV complaint reported on Morrow Ave (10:42 p.m.).

**Saturday, Dec. 25** - Suspicious person reported at 215 Plant Ave (1:44 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 831 Old Samson Rd (2:42 p.m.); Theft by deception reported at 1481 Cherokee Lane (3:59 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 221 Davis St E (7:58 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 610 Mullins Circle (8:18 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (11:29 p.m.).

**Sunday, Dec. 26** - Disturbance reported at 878 Claxton Ave N (3:29 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 126 Adkinson Ave (8:00 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (10:19 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1006 Payne St (12:04 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1036 Hickman Ave (2:21 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in advice given.

**Monday, Dec. 27** - Domestic complaint reported at 622 Newton St (5:33 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 661 Reynolds Ave (6:58 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1305 Highland Dr (8:10 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1495 Reese Ave (9:28 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in three verbal warnings, and two written warnings.



Well... Cuzin Lou Lou now knows where she stands when it comes to her and Little Bean with Sister and Papa!

Sunday morning, Little Bean had gotten ahold of an empty water bottle and was playing with it. It amazes Lou Lou in that she can buy the best toys for Little Bean, but she would rather play with an empty water bottle every time.

So, some paper from the outside of the bottle got stuck to Bean's fur just below her mouth, and Lou Lou was trying to help the little one out by pulling the paper from her face. Little did Lou Lou realize that Bean was apparently in a "mood" that morning.

On an attempt to grab the paper, Bean nipped at Lou Lou. That is a normal "play" thing between the two, but on this occasion, Bean caught Lou Lou's finger in her mouth and

chomped down!

I am sure the imaginations are running wild now regarding Lou Lou's reaction. Well...if you guessed that she immediately began yelling, hollering from the sheer pain - you would be correct!

Honestly, Lou Lou thinks it scared Little Bean as much as it hurt Lou Lou when the incident happened, but Lou Lou was in PAIN! Once Bean let go, she was rolling in pain holding her now bleeding finger. There may have even been some tears [don't judge until you've had K9 teeth chomp into your skin].

Sister and Papa came to check on Lou Lou, and of course, Sister tells Bean, "It's okay...your mama is just dramatic."

Excuse me! Lou Lou was not being dramatic! She was hurting and bleeding!! As the "doctoring" on Lou Lou's finger began both Sister and Papa had the nerve to say to her, "She didn't mean to hurt you. I think her tooth just got hung."

OKAY...well, that didn't change the fact that it hurt and was b-l-e-e-d-i-n-g!!

One thing is for certain. Little Bean has a big defense corner when it comes to Sister and Papa. Even throughout the day, they continued to speak lovingly to Bean assuring her it was okay and Lou Lou was going to be just fine.

Meanwhile, Lou Lou was sitting by watching and wondering where her consoling had gone. All she got out of the two was, "Quit being so dramatic. That baby didn't mean it."

Nevermind that Lou Lou was only trying to be helpful to the little demon when she decided to confuse Lou Lou's finger for one of her chew bones!

Lou Lou did make up with Bean before the day was over, and Bean did seem to be upset after realizing she had indeed injured Lou Lou. She moped around most of the day on Sunday and seemed skittish to get near Lou Lou [until bedtime anyway]. All has been forgotten now [almost anyway], and the two are inseparable again, cuddling and playing as if the incident never happened. Lou Lou's finger does still require some 'doctoring' to make sure it heals well.

And, she is a bit more careful now when getting her fingers anywhere near those sharp K9 teeth. Oh yeah, and miss 'don't be so dramatic' Sister seems to be paying closer attention to those teeth too... Lou Lou's guess is that her 'drama' became a lesson for Sister as well, even though she would never admit it!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! See you next year!!

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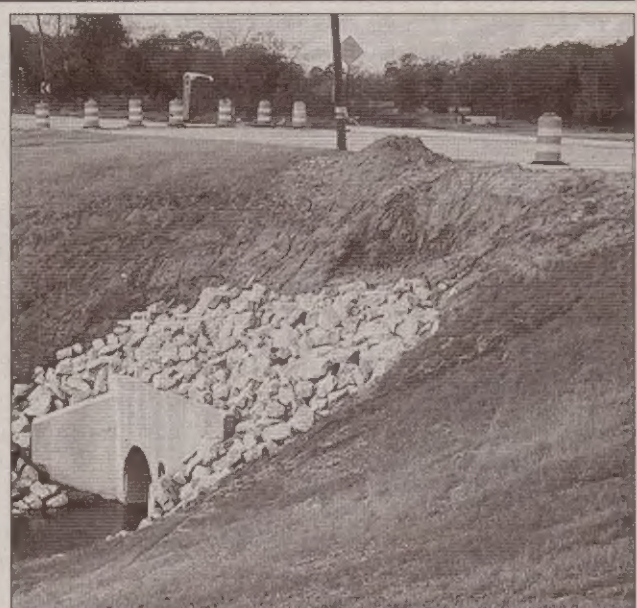
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## PORTION OF SIMMONS STREET CLOSED AGAIN...

The portion of Simmons Street that was closed for many months due to culvert replacement work has been closed again recently (shown above). Erosion issues (shown at right) at the recent work site forced officials to close the road again for safety reasons. During the Dec. 14th Elba City Council meeting, city clerk Sally Bane said the project contractor and engineers had been working together to come up with a solution to this erosion issue. She said this portion of the road would remain closed until a fix is implemented. Bane said officials would stay on top of the matter until it was completed properly.



**Reminder:**  
The Elba Clipper office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31st!

## CITY

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next five homes in the flood buyout program. She said that process would now begin.

During the meeting, council members approved a truck route ordinance for downtown Elba streets. This ordinance will go into effect after the city receives receipt of roads being transferred to it from the state and publication of the ordinance once in the newspaper.

A single axle boat trailer for the fire department was declared surplus property to allow that department to sell the piece of equipment, and the council voted to pay bills totaling \$189,789.38.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Jan. 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

### Next Week...

The Elba Clipper will take a look back at the top headlines from 2021!

## RONALD ALVIN "RONNY" SHIVER

Mr. Ronald Alvin "Ronny" Shiver, age 70, of Panama City Beach, Fla., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital PC in Panama City, Fla.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala. Burial followed in the St. Johns Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Ronny was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Shiver, and sister, Emma Jean Dyess.

Survivors include his daughter: Amber (Steven) Colbert, Phenix City, Ala.; son: Dr. Jeremy Cade (Tiffany Reed) Shiver, Pensacola, Fla.; sister: Irene Kelley, Elba, Ala.; and a host of extended family and friends.

## BOBBY JOE TURNER

Mr. Bobby Joe Turner, age 59, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at his home.

Graveside services and burial were held Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at St. Johns Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Survivors include his parents: Betty and Robert Turner, New Brockton, Ala.; along with a brother: Ricky (Donna) Turner, also of New Brockton.

## WILLIAM HAYWARD PRESCOTT

Mr. William Hayward Prescott, age 78, died June 8, 2021.

He was born March 9, 1943 in Elba, Alabama to John Isaac and Eula May Prescott. He was the youngest of four siblings. In 1949, the family relocated to Jay, Florida.

After a brief time in the Air Force, Hayward returned to Jay and met Nancy, who he was married

to for 52 years, and had two children. Hayward worked for ExxonMobil and after retirement operated his own business for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Prescott; daughter, Shannon Sauls; son, Justin (Danielle) Prescott; grandchildren, Dillion Sauls (Jez), Devin Sauls (Taylor), Abraham Prescott; siblings, Sally (Jerry) Mitchell, and Hansel (Dorothy) Prescott; along with many nieces and nephews.

## EDWARD G. HEATH

TSgt Edward G. Heath, age 89, of Opp, Ala., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at his home.

TSgt Heath served his country for over 20 years in the United States Air Force.

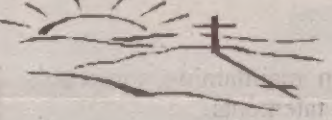
A graveside service with full military honors was held Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, in Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens, Opp.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise Keith Heath and Richard Heath; sisters, Kathleen and Lois; and brothers, Tommy, Raymond, Bobby and Dickey.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years: Betty Jean Alfrey Heath; daughter: Chantelle Heath; son: Steve Heath; sister: Betty Joyce Grace; grandchildren: Jeremy Heath, Bruce Heath, Matthew Heath, Kyle Tankersley and Haley Sanders; great-grandchildren: Libby Grace Tankersley, Devin Heath, Autumn Heath and Malachi Heath; two great-great grandchildren; and nieces: Sandra Steel (James), Karen Hill, Lisa Gregory, Mary Gregory and Shelly Steele.



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New Year's Resolutions & Grief  
It's now time for reflecting on the past year and how to improve your wellness, health and life in the upcoming one. But for those who have lost someone: resolution season can be a difficult time of making promises that are hard to keep. Here are a few tips for helping you or those you know and love get through resolution season.  
**Make Tangible Goals.** It's easy to say "I want to lose weight." or "I want to make more money." but those are somewhat abstract goals. How do you plan to lose weight? How are you going to make more money? Attach concrete tasks to each goal. You can pledge to improve work output and earn a bonus or promotion. You can vow to cut down on sweets or fried foods and plan to work out more to lose weight. And for those that are grieving, the goals may be more rooted in emotion. "I want to cope better with loss." or "I want to honor those I have lost." Those also can be turned into tangible goals. Scheduling those crucial first appointments with grief counselors or therapists can help aid some of the grief of loss.  
**Getting Creative.** Honoring those that have been lost is a deeply personal task. Each person is different and each person's legacy is different. Some would love to be honored by a special memorial garden while others would want their loved ones to go on one more spectacular trip. Other ways of honoring those lost would be to vow to visit the places where your loved ones are laid to rest more often. You could also try new expressive ways to cope and grieve through artistic expression like poetry or painting.  
**Be Honest With Yourself.** Change of any kind is difficult. Change while still processing the grief of a lost loved one is even more difficult. Be honest with your emotions and your grief. If you stumble along the way, know that you can always get back up. If you miss a day working out or aren't able to visit the cemetery as often as you'd like, accept it as a temporary stumbling point and move on vowing to do better next time. This resolution season, be kind to yourself. Accept that each step is a step forward and that grief comes in many forms. Use this resolution season to try new things or rediscover some old hobbies you love and shared with those who have passed. Take each day as an opportunity to honor the legacy of your loved ones.  
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## An Open Letter To Our Community

*"To Elba with Love"*

Hello Friends!

At last . . . a church for those who have given up on church—a church for the rest of us:

- ☐ Non-denominational and Christ-centered. Or as I like to say, "Jesus. Pure and Simple." Just Christians, no particular brand.
- ☐ A faith community where everyone is welcome, regardless of race, background, status, or baggage. A place of grace.
- ☐ A place where *all* sinners are loved and real life-change happens.

But, let's face it, many people in Elba and surrounding areas aren't active in any church these days. Why? Many reasons, I'm sure.

The number one reason I hear is this:

*"Christians aren't friendly and welcoming to visitors!"*

I know this complaint is real . . . I've experienced it myself. That's why I would be at Covenant Community Church, even if I weren't the Pastor. We are dedicated to being a church where people like you and me can find what is often missing from church.

- ☐ A genuine welcome and acceptance as a person.
- ☐ Relationships that are real.
- ☐ A family that will care for you.
- ☐ A new sense of hope for your life.
- ☐ Simple heartfelt worship and opportunities to give back in service to others.

So come some Sunday for a visit and see if Covenant Community Church isn't just the kind of church you've been looking for. Skeptical? I get it. But what do you have to lose by coming for a visit?

If you don't have a church home, give us a try. I hope to meet you soon.

Your friend,  
Paul Jackson, Pastor

**Sunday Coffee Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.**

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**Covenant Community Church: The perfect place for imperfect people!**

## Reflections

by Michael J. Brooks, Pastor

### What Do We Do When Christians Mess Up?

Interestingly, three stories appeared in the same week about Christian leaders who messed up. One is a coach who behaved hypocritically. Another is a televangelist living in a \$7 million mansion who pays no property tax. He said God told him to "Minister this house to [your wife]. It is part of your prosperity." And a third Christian leader faces a lawsuit. His accuser, terminated from the organization, claims blind allegiance to the leader is a stringent job requirement, and the leader spurned COVID-19 protocols in the workplace.

These kinds of "got 'cha" stories get good play in the press; often it's a way the media humbles the self-righteous, whether they be religious or political leaders.

But what should our reaction be when fellow believers stumble?

First, we must avoid gloating as a secular world might. The accusations are serious, of course, but it's also true that we're in the same family. We accept a new responsibility when we decide to follow Christ. We pledge to help our brothers and sisters in the faith, not to judge them. So we grieve.

Second, I think we must hold to the principle of accountability. There are consequences for inappropriate behavior. If one skirts the law, there are fines and other punishments. If one stumbles as a moral leader he or she may need to step aside for a season. So much of accountability depends on the offender's attitude. Contrition goes a long way; obduracy complicates matters.

But another task we must do is to restore the fallen. The apostle Paul said, "Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself" (Galatians 6:1, NLT).


Restoration is a Christian alternative to gloating or shaming. Restoration doesn't overlook an offense but finds a way around it. Restoration says to the offender, "You're too valuable to cast aside. We'll work with you to make you stronger, and then you'll be able to help others who stumble."

Henri Nouwen popularized the term, "wounded healer." He said Christ "was wounded for our transgressions," as Isaiah prophesied so long ago, and became our healer. Nouwen further argued that Christians who suffer, whether by loss, disease or bad choices, can be fitted for better and more effective service to others.

Dr. Charles Chandler founded "Ministering to Ministers" to encourage ministers who've experienced involuntary terminations. One feature of MTM's retreats is the stories of those who've been through terminations sharing how they coped. Chandler often tells retreat participants, "Don't waste your pain. Use it to grow stronger and to help others."

*Reflections is a weekly devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala. The church's website is siluriabaptist.com.*

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## CHURCH & AREA NEWS

### Harris Temple COGIC to host leadership conference January 14-15 in Elba, Ala.

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will host a 2022 Leadership Conference on Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15.

The guest speaker for Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., will be Pastor Anthony

Wheeler of Huntsville, Alabama! Saturday's session will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch provided!

This conference is open to anyone that desires to attend!

### CDC recommends shorter COVID-19 isolation and quarantine time period

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it has shortened the recommended isolation and quarantine period for people with COVID-19 to five days, if asymptomatic and if persons can wear a mask when around others.

These updates are recommended as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflect the current science on when and for how long a person is most infectious. Emerging information with the Omicron variant demonstrates that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmissions occur early in the course of illness, generally in the one to two days prior to the onset of COVID-19 symptoms and the two to three days afterward.

The new CDC recommendations for the general population mean that asymptomatic people who test positive may leave isolation five days after testing if they can continue to consistently and correctly mask for five more days to minimize the risk of infecting others. Infected persons who cannot follow mask guidance after five days, for example, young children, need to remain in isolation for 10 days after testing positive.

In addition, CDC is updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. For people who are unvaccinated or if they are more than six months past their second dose of mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) or more than two months after their Johnson and Johnson vaccine and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends

quarantine for five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days. If a five-day quarantine for vaccinated, not yet boosted, persons is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure.

Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but they should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.

For all those exposed, CDC states that best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at the fifth day after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms their symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19. In the past week, the percent positivity in COVID-19 tests in Alabama has more than doubled to 22.1 percent with new cases doubling, and all but six counties in high level of community transmission. ADPH urges all age-eligible Alabamians to continue to follow recommendations to be vaccinated and those 16 years of age and above to be boosted to reduce severe disease, hospitalization and death.

Vaccination remains the best way to protect and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on communities in light of recent studies showing that the previously widely available monoclonal antibody treatments are not effective against the Omicron variant. Visit [www.alabamapublichealth.gov](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov) for more information on COVID-19.

### Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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**Scripture:** Prayer for Safekeeping from Wickedness [Psalm 141: 1-10]

#### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mary Starks, NLC Mt. Holly Church, NLC Carlisle Church, RHMB Family, SMBC Family, Monique Hutchinson, Vincent Smith, Betty Williams

#### February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Danny Fleming 2/2  
Daryl Crittenden 2/4 (in memory)  
Nettie Ruth Lindsey 2/5 (in memory)  
Min. Brian Brunson 2/7  
Renethia Renaye Cruetson 2/7  
Jada K. Duncan 2/7  
Sinia Smedley 2/8  
Keyshawna Q. Gavin 2/9  
Kyon Edwards 2/9  
Dr. Irma Townsend 2/10  
Joseph Rodgers 2/10  
James Henderson 2/11  
Lonzo Cooks 2/11

#### Don't Stop Believing

For two years, my oldest boy struggled. A small legal problem became a two-year string of escalating trouble. His trouble stemmed from continuing to seek out the wrong crowd and flouting every rule the country set forth. My family prayed constantly, but the situation just kept deteriorating. He lied and stole. He became violent. He had to be placed in a shelter; he was admitted to the hospital for an overdose.

I cried out to the Lord for what seemed like the millionth time to deliver my son and my family from the constant chaos. Like the neighbor in need, I persisted, I prayed. I asked for strength when my despair threatened to overcome me. I didn't stop knocking until, in all His great mystery and love, God answered my prayer with a yes. My son began to improve and

remains healthy to this day. As Jesus tells us, we must never stop knocking, and unlike that frustrated friend who grudgingly got up to answer the door, Jesus is never reluctant to answer our prayers. His time is perfect, and we err when we interpret a delayed answer with reluctance. — P.M.

#### Happy New Year Everyone!

#### Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 12/30/21  
Q: Religious experts who heard Jesus forgive sins thought Jesus guilty of

A: Blasphemies [Mark 2: 6-7]

Q: Paul first met Aquila and Priscilla in the city of

A: Corinth [Acts 18: 1-2]

Q: We are to be just as our heavenly Father is

A: Merciful; Merciful [Luke 6:36]

#### Thought to Remember

Nothing weakens the truth more than twisting it. What's in your home mirrors what's in your heart.

#### Questions for the Week of 1/6/22

Multiple Choice

Q: Which prophet did Peter quote on the Day of Pentecost to explain the outpouring of God's Spirit? (Isaiah) (Joel) (Jonah)

Q: At first, Mary mistook the risen Jesus for whom? (gardener) (guard) (angel)

Today is a good day! Be grateful,  
Eria's Daughter, Sue



## Church Directory

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Rockey Pearce, Pastor Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> Richard Thoma Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Harry Driggers, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sam Self, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> David Noble, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> Remona Smith, Pastor Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Sundays Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH</b> Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Jackson, Pastor Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night "Peak of the Week" &amp; meal . . . 5:30 p.m. Bible Study &amp; Prayer . . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lovel Martin, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON</b> Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH</b> Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRACE FELLOWSHIP</b> John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH</b> Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>HOLY TEMPLE COGIC</b> Glenwood, AL Sunday Prayer . . . 9:30 a.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Matthew Morris, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH</b> Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIVING WORD CHURCH</b> Derrick Stinson, Pastor Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Greg Haachey, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH</b> Charles Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays</p> <p><b>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dewey Enfinger, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Olan Strickland, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Will Jordan, Interim Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Loreal Flowers, Minister Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Julian Mitchell, Pastor 1st, 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Lee Jones, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON</b> Terry McCrummen, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>PRASE &amp; GLORY WORSHIP CENTER</b> Roy L. Turner, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m. 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays</p> <p><b>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH</b> James Boots, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 12 noon Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m. Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m. Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba</b> Max Reed, Minister Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH</b> Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>VICTORY TABERNACLE</b> Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Dana Bynum, Interim Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOOTEN CHAPEL CHURCH</b> Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m. Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.</p>
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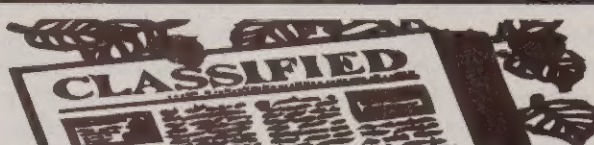
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY ROBERT ROGERS, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2021-103

## NOTICE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law of the same will be barred.By: Robert Bret Rogers  
Robert Bret Rogers  
Administrator  
2311 CR 477  
Kinston, AL 36453

12/16,23&amp;30-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF BETTY SUE JONES, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2021-100

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: David Jones and Wesley Jones.

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Admit will to Probate for the Granting of Letters Testamentary has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) a hearing is scheduled in this matter on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 at 9:00 a.m. If no objection is filed Letters Testamentary shall issue to Renee Hussey. This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021./s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
12/16,23,30&1/6-chg.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated September 1, 1994, executed by Louise Carter, an unmarried person to Small Business Administration, which mortgage was recorded on September 2, 1994, in Book 122-A, Page 222, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, which mortgage was, duly transferred and assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Structured Asset

Securities Corporation Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-AL1, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Main entrance to the Coffee County Courthouse at Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 25, 2022, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

One dwelling house and lot in the Town of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, on Smith Avenue, described as follows: Lots Nos. 26 and 28 with all appurtenances thereon and thereto belonging in Block 10, each lot being 100 feet front (on West side of Smith Avenue) and extending back an even width to the forty line as shown by plat of D. McKinnon survey in office of the Judge of Probate. Bounded on East by Smith Avenue, South by Lot No. 24, West by forty line, and North by Lot No. 30; also, a tract of land described as follows: Commencing on the line between Lots 24 and 26 a distance of 325 feet from the West side of Smith Avenue, according to the map of Survey of the lands of J.W. Connor, Sr., running thence in a Northwesterly direction along said line to the West line of the Northeast ¼ of the Southeast ¼, Section 8, Township 5, Range 20, thence South along said forty line to the Northwest corner of Lot No. 18, thence along the North line of said lot in a Southeasterly direction to a point 325 feet from the West side of Smith Avenue, thence North to point of beginning. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certi-

fied funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Stephens Millirons, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A. as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-AL1 Transferee

Robert J. Wermuth/mgw  
Stephens Millirons, P.C.  
P.O. Box 307  
Huntsville, Alabama 35804  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
12/16,23,30-chg**Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Company, Inc.,** 4506 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the DOWNTOWN WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT, in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Water Works & Electrical Board of the City of Elba. 12/16,23,30-2021&1/6-2022-chg.

## LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Cattret Construction, Inc. Contractor has completed the Contract for (Construction, Alteration, Equipment,

or Improvement) of Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL149-1, XIII and AL149-2, X CFP Modernization Number: AL09-P149-501-20 at New Brockton for the Housing Authority of the Town of New Brockton, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Cattret Construction, Inc., PO Box 125, Opp, AL 36467.

Housing Authority of the Town of New Brockton, Owner  
12/23,30-1/6,13-chg**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division****IN RE: The estate of FEDERAL BARNES, Deceased.**

CASE NO. PC 2021-079

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to FLORENCE A. BARNES as administrator of the estate of **Federal Barnes**, deceased on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw  
GARY D. BRADSHAW  
for (Construction, Alteration, Equipment,

12/23,30&amp;1/6-pd.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A PORTION OF COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 173 (Previously Coffee County Road 100)**

The Coffee County Commission has received a written petition from the abutting landowners of a portion of Coffee County Road 173 requesting the vacation of said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama 1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public hearing on January 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Complex Community Room, New Brockton, Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation during the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing. The proposed public road to be vacated is described as follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at the intersection of said County Road 173 and the east line of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 02, T-7-N, R-21-E, thence continue west along said County Road 173 approximately 4,455 feet to the intersection of said County Road 173 and the north line of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 2, T-7-N, R-21-E, Coffee County, Alabama.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed vacation may file written objection or request to be heard at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed, or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission, #2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing. 12/16,23,30&amp;1/6-chg.

## SPORTS NEWS

Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Our grandson Lawson played Santa Claus on Christmas morning as he handed out the presents and even offered to open the gifts for anyone that needed help. He really enjoyed the special day and made it special for this 'ole Granddaddy.*

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers closed the pre-holiday portion of their basketball schedule mired in a six-game losing streak, and it will take a lot of personal pride and determination for the Tigers to turn things around if they have any hopes to compete for an area title. Elba had played hard in every game all season despite the mounting losses, but in its embarrassing loss to Brantley the Tigers simply went through the motions and played with very little emotion. It will take more than just X's and O's and hard practices to turn things around if the players don't rededicate themselves and play to win.*

\*\*\* *The Elba Lady Tigers ran their winning streak to three games and paid Brantley back for a 12-point loss up in Brantley by knocking off the highly-touted Lady Bulldogs to close the pre-holiday slate with a big win. The Lady Tigers got a big night from A'Lyric Whitfield, but more important got big minutes from the other players on the roster and played hard for every minute of the game. The Elba girls were expected to struggle this season after losing four starters, but are beginning to come together and just may make another run at an area title before they take down the nets in a couple of months.*

\*\*\* *The high school basketball season always takes a short break for the holidays, which gives me a chance to look back and see what we have found out about the teams in the area. Here we go \* Zion Chapel – The Rebels are off to a solid 11-4 start and play hard on defense as they have allowed only one team to score over 55 points, while the Lady Rebels are off to a 3-9 start despite scoring thirty or more points only twice. \* New Brockton – The Gamecocks have a 3-6 record at the break despite allowing only one opponent to score in the sixties, while the Lady Gamecocks are 0-9, but have two losses by seven points or less. \* Kinston – The Bulldogs are 1-8 at the break, but have played only one 1A opponent and have just reached full strength, while the Lady Bulldogs are 3-4 with all three wins coming over cross-county rivals. \* Brantley – The Bulldogs are off to a 4-2 start and have yet to take the court against a 1A opponent, while the Lady Bulldogs are also 4-2 and are much improved and appear to be a solid 1A squad.*

\*\*\* *The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its All-State high school football picks last week and while all the players that received honors were very deserving, I have to feel that the Elba Tigers had a couple of players that should have made the list. Chrystyle Caldwell made the list at linebacker and was obviously one of the top 2A players in the state, but in my opinion there was also room on the list for Peyton McCart, who turned in an outstanding season as a defensive back; Collin Sauls, a two-way starter that graded high all season no matter where he lined up; Alvin Henderson, the Tigers top running back that went over 1,000 yards and drew the attention of every school in the SEC; and, Kyle Smith, another two-way player in the line that was the anchor of the men in the trenches.*

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## Win 3rd straight game

## Lady Tigers are back on track

The Elba Lady Tigers gained a measure of revenge for a 12-point early season loss and upped their winning streak to three games at the same time last Monday night with an exciting 47-43 home court win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs.

Elba came out ready to play on the rematch and behind the scoring punch of A'Lyric Whitfield and Tajah Purvis raced out to an early 17-7 lead. The Lady Tiger duo, sparked by a pair of three-pointers by Whitfield, combined for 12 first quarter points as Elba took charge early.

Brantley began to settle down in the second quarter and outscored Elba 18-7 to carry a 25-24 lead in at the half, while the two rivals swapped baskets in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers pulled even at 32-32 heading into the final stanza.

The score changed hands on almost every basket for much of the fourth quarter and Brantley cut the Elba lead to 42-41 with 1:30 left on the clock on a put back by Kayden Dunn. However, the Lady Tigers A'Lyric Whitfield nailed a three-pointer from the top of the circle to stretch the lead to 45-41, and when Whitfield weaved her way through the Brantley defense for a lay-up after a turnover Elba was on top 47-41 and on its way to the exciting 47-43 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield poured in 22 points to lead Elba and Brooke Tinsley added 8, while Kalaiya Dixon scored 11 and Annah Parker Little added 10 for Brantley.

**Elba (47):** Tinsley 8, Williams 5, Whitfield 22, Purvis 6, Stinson 2, Juarez 4.

**Brantley (43):** Clayton 6, Dixon 11, Little 10, Barginere 9, Dunn 7.

## Elba falls flat in 73-32 home loss to Brantley

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought reach six games last Monday night with a lopsided 73-32 home court loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley came out on fire and when Morell Edwards drained a three-pointer from the corner the Bulldogs owned a quick 9-0 lead. Two free throws by JT Coleman and a driving layup by Elba's Chrystyle Caldwell cut the Brantley lead to 9-4 with 4:17 left in the first quarter, but Brantley's Robert Shine ignited a Bulldog rally and when Jayden Parks nailed a three-pointer the Bulldogs were on top 20-6.

Byron Burks and Caldwell scored early in the second quarter in an effort to keep Elba within striking distance. However, the Bulldogs never slowed down and closed the stanza on a 17-3 run to carry a 46-16 advantage in at the half.

Brantley's Jayden Parks hit back-to-back three-pointers to open the third quarter to push the lead to 52-16, and while Jordan Marek and JT Coleman hit baskets to stop the Bulldogs onslaught, the 'Dogs never lost command and opened up their biggest lead of the game at 63-21 on a three-pointer by Khaliq Smith with 1:02 still left in the quarter.

Elba, with the aid of Trent Hamilton, matched the Brantley reserves bucket-for-bucket in the fourth

quarter, but the Tigers never threatened to cut into the deficit and at the final horn Elba left the court on the short end of a lopsided 73-32 final score.

Byron Burks scored 10 points and Zaydrian Daniels added 6 to lead Elba, while Khaliq Smith scored 14 points to pace the Bulldogs and Jayden Parks added 13.

**Brantley (73):** Edwards 5, J. Parks 9, Jay, Parks 13, Smith 14, Dunn 3, Brown 6, Davis 5, Shine 11, Staley 7.

**Elba (32):** Coleman 5, Burks 10, Marek 4, Caldwell 2, Henderson 2, Hamilton 3, Daniels 6.

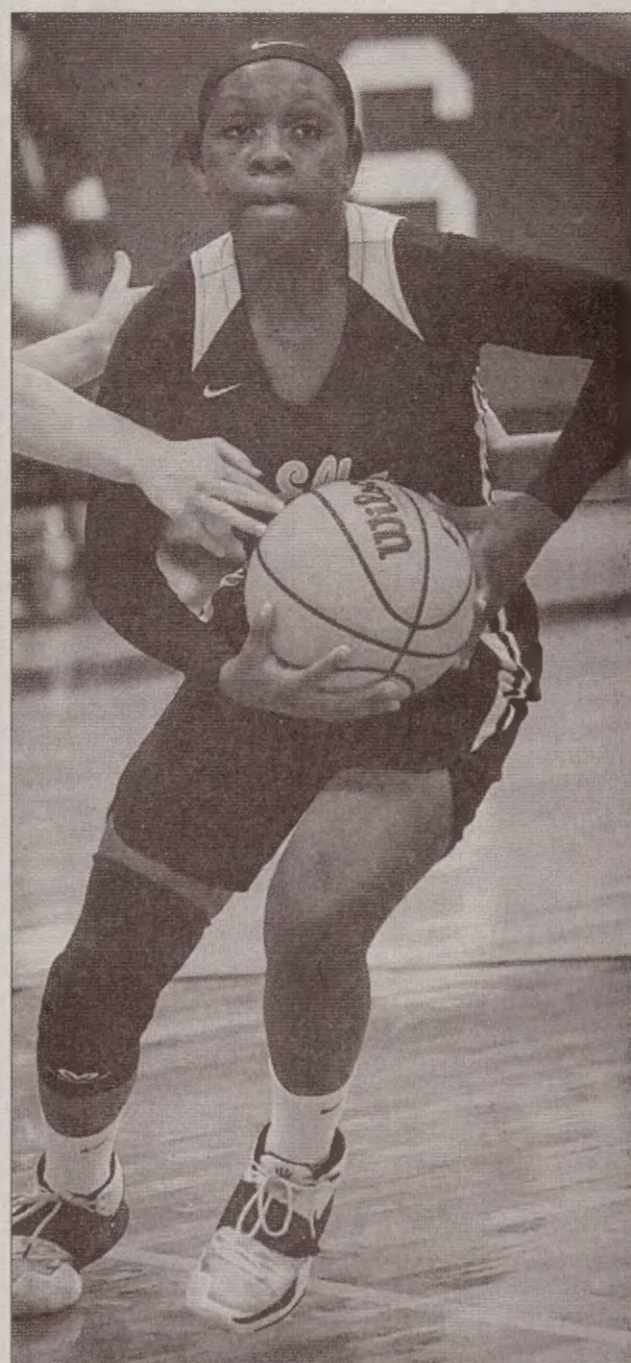
## (JV Game)

The Elba Tigers rallied from a five-point halftime deficit to claim an exciting 42-32 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in JV action. Brantley pulled ahead early and carried a 21-16 lead in at the half, but the Tigers outscored Brantley 15-8 in the third quarter to sneak ahead 31-29, and then hit 9 of 10 free throws in the closing stanza to pull away and post the big win.

Cody Gray scored 17 points and Cameron Gray added 8 to spark the Tigers, while Harper led the Bulldogs with 11 points.

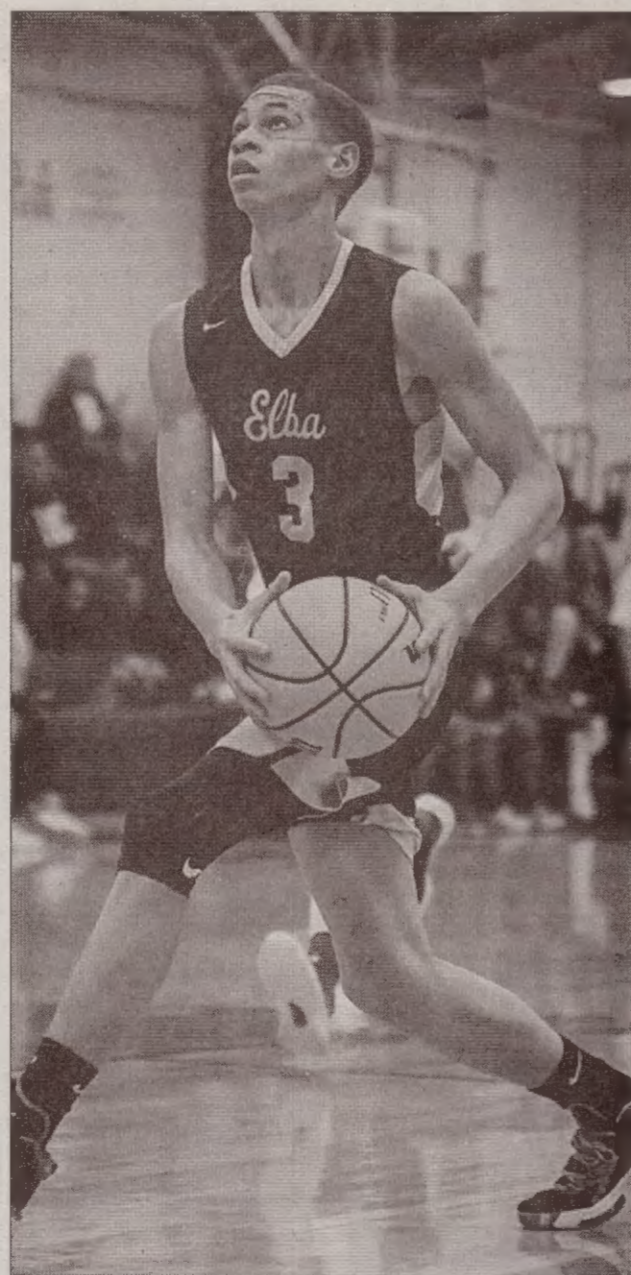
**Elba (42):** Co. Gray 8, Ca. Gray 17, Mills 6, Johnson 4, Watkins 1, Hammonds 2, Silar 4.

**Brantley (32):** Bogan 6, Mayes 3, Harper 11, Welch 5, Tyson 7.



Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield drives to the basket. Whitfield scored 22 points to help lead the Lady Tigers to a 47-43 win over Brantley.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Tiger Jordan Marek (3) heads to the hoop. Marek and the Tigers will play three games this week at the Pea River Classic tournament, at the Elba High gym.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

## High School SCHEDULES

Thursday, Dec. 30

Elba 'Pea River Classic'

Boys:

10:30 – Highland

Home vs. Goshen

4:30 – Elba vs. Pike

County

7:30 – Brantley vs.

New Brockton

Girls:

12:00 – 7th place

game

1:30 – 5th place game

3:00 – 3rd place game

6:00 – Championship

game

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Elba at Geneva

Kinston at Samson

Red Level at Brantley

Thursday, Jan. 6

Opp at New Brockton

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Kinston

Brantley at Straughn

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## SPORTS NEWS

By ASWA

## Caldwell and Brown named 'All-State'



ALL-STATE KEDRICK BROWN



Zion Chapel Rebel Brady Cobb (in white) closes in on defense against New Brockton Gamecock Jamarcus Brown (in black).

(Photo by Heather Adcock)

## Rebels sweep Gamecocks

Zion Chapel High School opened the doors to its modern, new gym last Tuesday and gave the large crowd on hand lots to celebrate as all three basketball teams posted exciting wins over New Brockton.

In varsity boys action, the Rebels had to battle for all four quarters to claim a 60-53 win over the Gamecocks. Brady Cobb scored 14 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Chase Hortsman added 13 and Cole McDaniel scored 10.

In varsity girls action, the Lady Rebels added to their win total with a hard fought 37-32 win over the Lady Gamecocks. Shea Wambles scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel and Kaylen McAllister pitched in with 9 points.

In boys JV action, the Rebels made it look easy with a lopsided 45-11 win over the Gamecocks. Mason Stuart scored 15 points and Slade Grantham added 11 to lead Zion Chapel.

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has announced its 2021 high school 'All-State' football selections with the Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs both having one player named to the elite first team, while the Bulldogs also had two players earn second team honors and four players receive honorable mention.

Elba Tiger standout Chrystyle Caldwell was named a Class 2A first team selection at linebacker. The 6-2, 212-pound, senior, made 60 solo tackles during his team's region championship season and added 35 assists, 16 tackles for losses, 5 sacks, 1 blocked kick, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery, one tackle for a safety and one defensive touchdown.

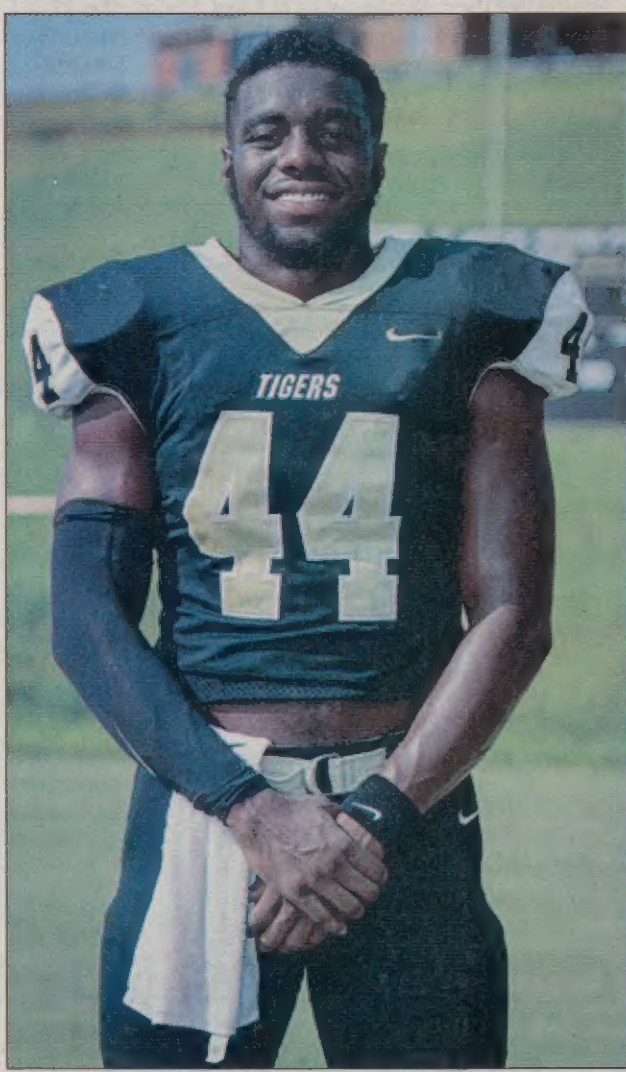
Brantley Bulldog standout Kedrick Brown was named a Class 1A first team selection at linebacker. In the Bulldogs first twelve games, the 6-0, 218-pound, junior, recorded 66 solo tackles, 38 assists, 19 tackles for losses, 3 sacks and 1 interception.

Brantley Bulldogs that received second team honors included Morell Edwards and Daquan Pittman. Edwards, a senior, wide-receiver, had 25 catches in his team's first twelve games for 864 yards and 9 touchdowns, while Pittman, a senior defensive back, had 28 solo tackles and 18 assists through twelve games, as well as 3

tackles for losses, 2 sacks and 2 interceptions.

Brantley Bulldogs that received honorable mention included senior quarterback Tucker Kilcrease, junior running back Robert Shine, senior offensive lineman Kai Dunn and sophomore offensive lineman Romeo Pressley.

Other area players on the annual 'All-State' roster included (Class 7A) 1st team - Mykel Johnson, junior, running back, Enterprise; 2nd team - Harrison Gammill, senior, offensive line, Enterprise; HM - Amare Griffin, sophomore, running back, Enterprise. (Class 6A) 1st team - Yhonzae Pierre, junior, defensive line, Eufaula; 2nd team - Patrick Screws, junior, offensive line, Eufaula. (Class 5A) 1st team - Jamarion Burnett, sophomore, running back, Andalusia; Michael Hourel, junior, linebacker, Andalusia; 2nd team - Brody Stewart, junior, offensive line, Andalusia; (Class 4A) HM - Christian Ross, junior, wide-receiver, Dale County. (Class 3A) 1st team - Jaylen Nobles, senior, athlete, Slocomb; 2nd team - Jaylen Murray, junior, running back, Wicksburg; Will Wells, junior, wide-receiver, Houston Academy; Cole Jennings, senior, defensive line, Opp; ZaZa Lindsey, senior, athlete, Opp; HM - Asael Morin, senior, place-kicker, Slocomb; Nelson Hall, sophomore, defensive back, Opp; (Class 2A) 1st team - Emmanuel



ALL-STATE CHRYSTYLE CALDWELL

Henderson, senior, running back, Geneva County; Keldrick Faulk, junior, defensive line, Highland Home; C.J. Toles, senior, linebacker, Highland Home; Tanner Patton, junior, punter, G.W. Long; Nikki Taylor, senior, athlete, Luverne; 2nd team - Jordan Smith, junior, running back, Arifton; Tuff Hand, senior, offensive line, Arifton; P.J. Rich,

senior, defensive line, Luverne; Jackson Chancey, senior, linebacker, G.W. Long; Lakendrick Jordan, sophomore, linebacker, Luverne; Nick Diaz, senior, athlete, Highland Home; HM - Ian Senn, sophomore, quarterback, Arifton; (Class 1A) 2nd team - Braxton Brooks, senior, athlete, Samson; Zane Weeks, junior, athlete, Florala.

## Hunter safety important as season gets active

By DAVID RAINER  
Alabama Department of  
Conservation and Natural  
Resources

Heading into the most active time of Alabama's hunting seasons, Marisa Futral wants to make sure hunters don't take one thing for granted - hunter safety.

Futral, the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division Hunter Safety Coordinator, said January is the time when most people head to the woods to pursue deer, ducks and small game.

A safety strap should be attached to the tree to prevent you from falling more than 12 inches.

Always inspect the safety harness for signs of wear or damage before each use. Follow all manufacturers' instructions for use of a safety harness and stand.

Follow the three-point rule of treestand safety. Always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder before moving. This could be two arms and one leg holding and stepping on the ladder or one arm and two legs in contact with the ladder before moving. Be cautious that rain, frost, ice or snow can cause steps to become extremely slippery. Check the security of the step before placing your weight on it.

Always hunt with a plan and, if possible, a buddy. Before you leave home, let others know your exact hunting location, when you plan to return and who is with you.

Always carry emergency signal devices such as a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, signal flare, PLD (personal locator device) and flashlight at all times and within reach even while you are suspended in your fall-arrest system. Watch for changing weather conditions. In the event of an incident, remain calm and seek help immediately.

Always select the proper tree for use with your treestand. Select a live, straight tree that fits within the size limits recommended in your treestand's instructions. Do not climb or place a treestand against a leaning tree.

Never leave a treestand installed for more than two weeks since damage could result from changing weather conditions and/or from other factors not obvious with a visual inspection.

Always use a haul line to pull up your gear and unloaded firearm or bow to your treestand once you have reached your desired hunting height. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree.

Always know your physical limitations. Don't take chances. Do not climb when impaired by drugs, alcohol or if you're sick or untested. If you start thinking about how high you are, stop climbing.

"A lot of our treestand accidents happen in January," she said. "When it's colder, the steps on a ladder stand or shooting house are slick. There may be early morning frost on the steps. We urge people to make sure they have three points of contact when you're climbing steps, either two feet and a hand or two hands and a foot. If you do slip, you have a lot better chance to catch yourself."

Futral also urges hunters

to review and adhere to the 10 commandments of firearms safety:

Treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Control the muzzle of your firearm. Keep the barrel pointed in a safe direction. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not wish to shoot and insist that your shooting and hunting companions do the same.

Be sure of your target and beyond. Positively identify your target before you fire, and make sure no people, livestock, roads or buildings are beyond the target.

Never shoot at water or a hard, flat surface. A ricocheting bullet cannot be controlled.

Don't use a scope for target identification; use binoculars.

Never climb a tree, cross a fence or jump a ditch with a loaded firearm.

Store guns and ammunition separately. Store firearms under lock and key and use a gun case to transport firearms.

Make sure your barrel and action are clear of all obstructions.

Unload firearms when not in use. Never take someone else's word that a firearm is unloaded. Check yourself.

Avoid drugs and alcohol when hunting or shooting. Even some over-the-counter medicines can cause impairment.

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## LIFESTYLES

## FISH

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Tournament scheduled for February 27, 2022, at Lake Martin.

Following their exciting win at Lake Jordan, the ZCBT anglers decorated a parade entry for the annual Elba Christmas Parade sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. They rode their entry in the parade Monday, Dec. 13, and many children were recipients of their generosity when they threw out pounds of candy.

December has really been a busy month for the ZCBT

anglers. A fundraiser tournament for their benefit was organized by Mike McDaniel. The tournament was held Saturday, Dec. 4, at Lake Jordan. 19 boats participated.

This event generated \$760 for the ZCBT for which they are thankful. Congrats go to Travis Day, the big winner, with 13.92 pounds; he carried home the big prize of \$660; Lance Kirkland, weighed in 12.06 pounds for the second place prize of \$290; and Jeffrey Reeves/Dawson weighed in 11.67 pounds and received \$190 prize money.

The ZCBT anglers will fish again January 29, 2022, at Lake Martin on the Alabama BASS Nation High School Tiger Trail.



Zion Chapel anglers, Team Cole McDaniel and Kevin Dowdy, won the big fish award in the tournament. The 'big fish' weighed in at 3.72 pounds. This team placed 8th overall in the tournament.

### Hours of Operation for the Elba Public Library

Monday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Tuesday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 noon  
Thursday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## ALGOP Election 2022 qualifying opens Tuesday morning, Jan. 4th

Qualifying for the 2022 Alabama Republican Party Primary opens Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 a.m.

The qualifying period will end Friday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m., per the primary resolution passed by the Alabama Republican Party State Executive Committee.

Positions up for election on the 2022 ALGOP Primary ballot include:

Alabama Constitutional Offices (Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture and Industry, Treasurer, and State Auditor)

One (1) U.S. Senate seat  
All U.S. House seats

Two (2) Alabama Supreme Court seats

Two (2) Public Service Commission seats

Four (4) Alabama Board of Education seats

All Alabama House of Representatives seats

All Alabama Senate seats

All District Attorney positions

Dozens of Circuit and District Court judicial seats

The Alabama Republican Party State Executive Committee (the governing body of the ALGOP)

Anyone wishing to qualify for the Republican ballot can do so on-line at [www.algop.org](http://www.algop.org)

or in person at ALGOP headquarters (3505 Loma Road, Birmingham, AL 35216) starting Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 a.m.

"The Alabama Republican Party is excited about the 2022 election cycle. We are looking forward to a vigorous campaign season and fighting for the right and values of the people of Alabama. We plan on doing our part to help Republicans take back the U.S. House and Senate as we work to Restore America," said Alabama Republican Party Chairman John Wahl.

All qualifying forms and fees must be received no later than 5 p.m. CST on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. Failure to do so will result in the denying of ballot access.

Additional information about the qualifying process can be found on the ALGOP website ([www.algop.org](http://www.algop.org)), or by calling ALGOP headquarters at 205.212.5900.

## ADPH: first antiviral pill to treat COVID coming to Alabama

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Emergency Use Authorization to Pfizer for its oral antiviral drug Paxlovid to treat COVID-19.

Data indicates it is 88 percent effective in reducing the proportion of people with COVID-19-related hospitalization or death. Paxlovid is in tablet form and the initial limited supply of 780 patient courses will be available by prescription only by the first week of January.

Alabama will initially use pharmacies to dispense the oral antiviral drug, and will add other providers as allocation allows.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "As new variants continue to emerge, we are excited that the oral tablet Paxlovid will soon be available to help combat COVID-19 in non-hospitalized patients. While we are very pleased Paxlovid will be a treatment option, it is not a substitute for vaccinations which remain the best way for most people to protect themselves against severe illness and death due to COVID-19. I continue to urge all Alabamians to be vaccinated and receive a booster dose when eligible."

Paxlovid is authorized for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adult and pediatric patients. Paxlovid should be initiated as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within five days of the onset of symptoms. Patients who are prescribed this treatment must have a positive SARS-CoV-2 test, be at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19, and be age 12 years or older and weigh at least about 88 pounds.

It is administered as three tablets taken together twice daily for five days. Paxlovid is not authorized for use for longer than five consecutive days.

The supply of Paxlovid will be limited initially. According to the FDA, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, will oversee its fair and equitable allocation to state and territorial health departments and select Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) - funded health clinics.

The federal government has purchased 10 million courses of Paxlovid, the FDA stated. Production will ramp up significantly in the coming months, and an initial 65,000 courses of Paxlovid will be made available.

The first allocations of Paxlovid were determined on a pro rata basis and will be provided to state and territorial health departments at no charge.

## COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

### Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance All Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUST	***TOTALS*** MEMORANDUM ONLY
<b>REVENUES</b>							
TAXES	7,893,543	410,048	0	0	0	0	8,303,591
LICENSES & PERMITS	127,819	0	0	0	0	0	127,819
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	3,245,249	5,288,999	0	0	322	0	8,534,570
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	1,929,432	213,003	0	0	8,782,692	29,880	10,915,007
MISCELLANEOUS	463,787	331,700	0	0	297,708	329,586	1,422,781
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>13,359,831</b>	<b>6,243,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,080,720</b>	<b>359,466</b>	<b>29,084,672</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	4,801,142	710,204	0	0	0	37,828	5,548,874
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,507,400	12,800	0	0	0	0	5,520,200
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS	0	5,819,673	0	0	0	0	5,819,673
SANITATION	0	4,000	0	0	8,815,606	0	8,819,606
HEALTH	27,080	0	0	0	0	0	27,080
PUBLIC WELFARE	446,512	5,600	0	0	0	0	452,112
CULTURE AND RECREATION	6,009	0	0	0	0	0	6,009
EDUCATION	71,835	0	0	0	0	0	71,835
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,677,872	1,387,587	0	0	1,413,785	0	4,389,144
DEBT SERVICE							
PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT	521,584	1,063,783	355,256	0	1,077,805	0	3,018,548
INTEREST	239,309	35,121	83,873	0	129,834	0	478,237
FEES AND OTHER CHARGES	9,250	0	0	0	0	0	9,250
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	153,080	0	0	0	0	0	153,080
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>13,461,078</b>	<b>8,556,688</b>	<b>439,229</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,428,100</b>	<b>37,828</b>	<b>32,324,623</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(110,247)</b>	<b>(2,714,938)</b>	<b>(439,229)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(377,379)</b>	<b>321,918</b>	<b>(3,319,954)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>							
LOAN PROCEEDS	0	770,815	0	0	0	0	770,815
BOND PROCEEDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	25,515	911,305	0	0	0	0	936,820
PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	1,295,000	1,427,000	439,229	0	2,018,400	0	5,179,629
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(1,471,229)	(980,080)	0	0	(2,808,400)	0	(5,179,629)
OTHER USES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(159,714)</b>	<b>2,209,120</b>	<b>439,229</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(789,999)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,709,635</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>(260,987)</b>	<b>(505,818)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,167,379)</b>	<b>321,918</b>	<b>(1,612,319)</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - 09/30/2020</b>	<b>1,072,485</b>	<b>6,910,740</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,380,581</b>	<b>412,156</b>	<b>13,382,970</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING 09/30/2021</b>	<b>812,498</b>	<b>5,410,878</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,223,202</b>	<b>734,074</b>	<b>11,780,661</b>

Detailed statements of individual fund revenue and expenditures are available for public inspection at the County Commission Office during regular hours Monday-Friday. The totals are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented merely to aid financial analysis. Information in this statement does not present the County's financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles; neither is data comparable to a consolidation of county funds; that is interfund elimination has not been used in totaling these figures. These figures represent unaudited data.

### STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

2012 Refunding	2,347,475
Loans Payable to Banks	5,813,166
Lease Purchase Equipment	4,145,815
Landfill Lease Purchase Equipment	637,128
Landfill Loans Payable to Banks	2,897,403
Roll-Off Loans Payable to Banks	96,905
Roll-Off Lease Purchase Equipment	32,739
Solid Waste Loans Payable to Banks	0
Solid Waste Lease Purchase Equipment	1,035,649
<b>Total Indebtedness</b>	<b>17,006,281</b>

Rod Morgan  
County Administrator